

**Interstate Telehealth Working Group**

November 10, 2021

Minutes

**Members Present:**

Andrew Seaman

Carrie Phillips, Office of Professional Regulation

Christopher Gilding, University of Vermont Health Network

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Board of Medical Practice

Dillon Burns, Vermont Care Partners

Elizabeth Boody

Hillary Hill, Medicaid Policy Analyst, DVHA

Jessa Barnard, Vermont Medical Society

Ken Lawenda, Board of Optometry

Kirke McVay, Vermont Mental Health Counselor

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Lauren Layman, Office of Professional Regulation

Lynn Stanley, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers – Vermont

Mary Kate Mohlman, Bi-State Primary Care

Reid Plimpton, NorthEast Telehealth Resource Center

Sarah Kessler, University of Vermont Health Network

Sebastian Arduengo, Department of Financial Regulation

Todd Young, University of Vermont Health Network

**I. Minute Approval**

The Working Group convened and approved the November 1st minutes.

**II. Recommendations**

The Group discussed the general recommendations outlined in a powerpoint presented by Lauren Layman. Meredith Roberts moved to approve the general recommendations and Lynn Stanley seconded the motion. The Group unanimously approved the general recommendations.

The Group reviewed the process recommendations related to registrations and waivers, telehealth licenses and alternatives. The Group discussed requiring registration for each profession to permit out-of-state professionals to practice telehealth in Vermont for up to 120 days and for a maximum of ten patients or clients. Jessa Barnard moved to approve the process recommendations and Meredith Roberts seconded the motion. The Group unanimously approved the process recommendations with the 120 days and for a maximum of ten patients or clients modification.

The Group reviewed the March 2022 recommendations regarding temporary registration and discussed changing the expiration date from May 2023 to July 1, 2023 and to require verification of licensure in good standing in the profession from all other states of licensure. Dr. Lawenda moved to approve the March 2022 recommendations with the July 1, 2023 expiration date and all other states of licensure modifications. Jessa Barnard seconded the motion and the Group unanimously approved the recommendations with modifications.

**III. Next Steps**

The next meeting of the Telehealth Working group is scheduled for November 17th at 10:00 AM at which time they will review the draft report.